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ORDINANCE NO. 1426

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS, ESTABLISHING POLICY FOR CUSTOMERS TO REQUEST PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR WATER METER READING ERRORS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS.

SECTION 1: That the Code of the City of Columbus, 2014, shall be amended, and Chapter XV, Section 15-232A shall be established to address water meter reading errors that create corrected billing that may be burdensome to customers, and to authorize the City Administrator, or, in the absence of the City Administrator, the Water Committee to exercise discretion to arrange a payment plan for customers who are affected.


SECTION 2: New City Code Section 15-232A. The following policy and conditions shall control payment arrangements when water meters readings are in error.

- (a) When the City's water meter readings are in error and the corrected billing creates a payment burden on the water customer, the customer may make a written request to the City Clerk's office to arrange a payment plan.**
- (b) The City Administrator, or in the absence of the City Administrator, the Water Committee, shall exercise discretion to arrange a reasonable payment plan for the customer.**

SECTION 3: All ordinances and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed in so far as they conflict herewith.

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after passage and publication in the official City newspaper.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Governing body this 17th day of September, 2018.


Grant Spieth, Mayor

ATTEST:


Cherri Chancellor, City Clerk

